

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Central Area Council Meeting:
16th March 2015**

Agenda Item: 4

**Report of Central Area Council
Manager**

Central Council – Financial Update and Review of Priorities for 2015/2016

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides an updated financial position for all Central Area Council spend, and outlines the unallocated amounts remaining for 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.
- 1.2 The report also outlines a proposed approach for reviewing Central Area Council priorities and allocating potential spend against these priorities.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 **Central Council members note the updated financial position for all Central Area Council spend and the unallocated amounts remaining for 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.**
- 2.2 **Central Council members agree the proposed approach outlined in Section 5 of this report for reviewing Central Area Council priorities and associated spend against these priorities.**

3. Background and Proposal

- 3.1 In late 2013 Central Area Council agreed the following priorities which were identified following a series of workshops at which members considered a range of statistical and consultation data from a variety of sources:
 - Reducing loneliness and isolation in older people
 - Improving the overall health and wellbeing of children and young people
 - Improving the local environment
- 3.2 As part of the establishment of the new area governance arrangements an amount of £500,000 per annum was allocated to Central Area Council to commission activity to address the identified priorities. The first £500,000 allocation was available for expenditure from 1st April, 2014.

3.3 To date 5 services have been procured and are fully operational, and 6 Central Working Together Fund projects have been approved and are currently being delivered.

4.0 Current financial position

4.1 Based on updated information relating to the 5 Central Council procured services and the 6 Central Working together Fund projects referred to above, Appendix 1 attached provides a revised position statement on Central Council funding allocations and projected expenditure over the next three years.

4.2 As noted in previous meetings, members should be aware that these are still indicative projections and may be subject to change depending on the payment schedules submitted and agreed as part of the ongoing procurement and contract management processes.

5.0 Review of Priorities/Allocation of funds

5.1 Based on the financial statement attached at Appendix 1, an amount of **£128,005** currently remains unallocated for 2015/2016.

5.2 It was agreed at the last meeting of Central Council on 19th January 2015 that the 3 priorities of Central Area Council should be revisited/reviewed at the next Central Area Council meeting and that to enable this to happen, key data for the area is brought together for consideration. Unfortunately this is not yet available, but is expected to be available in mid-April, 2015.

5.3 It is therefore proposed that a workshop session with Central Area Council members is held in mid-April to consider the information listed below, in order to review Central Area Council priorities and associated spend:

- National and local data
- Local data/information relating to current Central Council contracts
- Local intelligence about issues /services in the Central Council area-to include members views/insights and Ward Alliance input.
- Changes in service provision post April 2015

5.4 Following the proposed workshop session a report with recommendations would be brought back to the subsequent meeting of Central Area Council for consideration and approval.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Financial statement

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